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LONDON FOR AMB ATHERTON FROM VIETS; BONN FOR SECRETARY'S
PARTY

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (AMB ATHERTON) IS
SUBJ: YOUR SCHEDULED JULY 22-24 VISIT TO ISRAEL

REF.: STATE 174543, STATE 172808

1. YOU WILL HAVE SEEN FROM TEL AVIV 8967 THAT THE
ISRAELI CABINET WILL BE DECIDING NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 23,
THE GOI RESPONSE TO SADAT'S DISCUSSION WITH WEIZMAN.
JUST BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR LONDON THIS MORNING AMB
LEWIS
IN LIGHT OF THIS JULY 23 CABINET DELIBERATION, ASKED THAT I
RAISE WITH YOU THE POSSIBILITY OF REARRANGING THE STOPS
ON YOUR UPCOMING VISIT TO THE AREA. BOTH OF US BELIEVE
IT WOULD BE THE WRONG SORT OF SIGNAL FOR YOU AND YOUR
COLLEAGUES TO BE WAITING AT THE KING DAVID HOTEL WHILE
THE CABINET UNDERTAKES WHAT PROMISES TO BE A STORMY CON-
SIDERATION OF SADAT'S PROPOSAL AND WEIZMAN'S ROLE IN THE
NEGOATION. WE ARE ESPECIALLY CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT THE
IMAGINATIVE ISRAELI
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PRESS COULD MAKE
OUT OF YOUR PRESENCE IN THE COUNTRY
AT THAT MOMENT. WE THINK SEVERAL DAYS GAP BETWEEN THE CABINET
DECISION AND YOUR ARRIVAL WOULD BE BEST.

2. AMBASSADOR LEWIS WILL BE DISCUSSING WITH YOU LATER
TODAY THE POSSIBILITY OF YOUR HITTING SOME ARAB CAPITALS

FIRST BEFORE STOPPING IN ISRAEL. SUCH A SWITCH WOULD CARRY
THE ADDED ADVANTAGE OF GIVING YOU SOME NEW NEWS TO CONVEY
TO THE GOI, ESPECIALLY IF YOU CALLED IN AT AMMAN AND TAIF
BEFORE COMING HERE. VIETS

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